

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 03 April 2001
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Vixen Digital Ltd
 Title of Publication: House Of Love
 Other Known Titles: Private Gold
 Director: Pierre Woodman
 Producer: Not Stated
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: DVD
 Country of Origin: France
 Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Menu:	Scene Selection		
	Language Selection		
	Subtitle Selection		
	Extra Materials		
	Play Movie		
Feature:	House Of Love	Running time:	131.16
Other Moving	Age Notice		0.11
Components:	Güfa Notice		2.29
	Private Website Notice		1.57
	The Trailer		1.06
	Dangerous Things Chapter 2		1.58
	Private My First Time		1.22
	Domestic Affairs		1.06
	Rubber Kiss		1.12
	Hell, Whores And High Heels		1.26
Other	Cast	Running time:	
Components:	Photobook		
	Film Notes		
		Total Running time:	144.03

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Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains explicit sex scenes.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 02 April 2001

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD entitled *House Of Love* is classified as:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

This classification is primarily due to the manner in which the publication deals with matters of sex, in the form of explicitly depicted sexual activity that is intended to sexually arouse the viewer.

The publication is a version of a video recording previously classified by the Classification Office. The video recording entitled *House Of Love* (publication reference no. 710) was classified as objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. This classification decision was registered on 2 June 2000. The version of the feature on the DVD has been verified as being substantially the same as the video version.

In addition to the feature, sexual activity is explicitly depicted in two of the DVD's extra components. The component entitled *Photobook* consists of several full-page still images taken from the feature. Details about the women appearing in the feature, including their ages and favourite sexual positions, are also included in the *Cast* component. While these components do not contain material substantially different from that of the feature the manner of their presentation serves to increase the degrading, dehumanising and demeaning effect of the publication.

The DVD also contains a number of trailers which differ from those on the video recording. These trailers include depictions of fetish and stylised bondage scenarios including depictions of women inside small cages and engaging in sexual activity while trussed in harnesses. This material serves to increase the degrading, dehumanising and demeaning elements in the publication as a whole. The impact of this extra material is not, however, significant enough to warrant a more restrictive classification than that given to the video recording.

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